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1. JAPANESE ESTIMATE OF 20 PERCENT LOSS IN CONSUMPTION DOES NOT APPEAR EXCESSIVE IF PERIOD UNDER QUESTION EXTENDS THROUGH FEBRUARY OR MARCH 1974. THIS ASSUMES PROGRESSIVE FIVE PERCENT OAPEC PRODUCTION CUTS IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH WHICH WOULD REDUCE OAPEC PRODUCTION TO 35, 40, AND 45 PERCENT OF SEPTEMBER 1973 LEVELS. HOWEVER IF TIME FRAME IN COLUMN 4 OF REFTEL A IS OCTOBER 18 - NOVEMBER 30, ESTIMATED REDUCTION APPEARS EXAGGERATED.

2. IN CANVASSING COMPANIES FOR ACCURATE INDICATION OF THEIR SUPPLY INTENTIONS RE JAPAN, WE FOUND ONE (CALTEX) WHOSE INTENTIONS APPEAR CONSISTENT WITH MITI FIGURES, ONE WHO BELIEVES THAT MITI CUTBACK FORECAST FOR THEIR  
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COMPANY MAY BE SLIGHTLY UNDERSTATED (MOBIL) AND TWO WHO BELIEVE IT OVERSTATED (GULF AND EXXON). HOWEVER TO CARRY OUT REALLY MEANINGFUL APPRAISAL OF COMPANY INTENTIONS AND PUT THEM ON COMMON FOOTING WITH JAPANESE FORECASTS WE SHOULD HAVE:

A. SUMMARY OF JAPAN'S IMPORTS THROUGH FIRST NINE MONTHS 1973 ON BD BASIS, SHOWING COMPANY AND COUNTRY SOURCE.

B. DEMAND EXPECTED FOR FOURTH QUARTER 1973.

C. AMOUNT MITI EXPECTS TO LOSE (IN B/D) BY COMPANY AND SOURCE COUNTRY DURING FOURTH QUARTER.

3. IN INTEREST OF BEING FULLY RESPONSIVE TO GOJ CONCERNS ABOUT US COMPANY ROLE IN DECIDING THEIR OIL SUPPLY, DEPARTMENT WOULD BE HAPPY TO RECEIVE FOREGOING DATA FROM MITI AND ATTEMPT TO TURN OUT EVALUATION ON THEIR SUPPLY POSITION VIS-A-VIS US FIRMS.

4. IN MEANTIME EMBASSY SHOULD KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH TOKYO REPS OF US OIL COMPANIES TO OBTAIN CUTBACK DATA AND RATIONALE. RUSH

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